Decontrol of the prices of Petroleum Products

369. SMT. VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decontrol the prices of all petroleum products except kerosene for domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Railway accidents

370. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents took place during 1991 and 1992;

(b) the number of passengers killed, injured and loss of goods and property in each case;

(c) the reasons of accidents in each case; and

(d) what corrective steps are being taken and already taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) the number of railway accidents, the number of passengers killed and injured and loss of goods and property during 1991 (Jan. to Dec.) and 1992 (Jan. to Oct.) are as under:

	1991 (Jan.-Dec.)	1992 (Jan.-Oct.)
(i) No. of accidents	525	492
(ii) No. of passengers killed	114	92
(iii) No. of Passengers injured	526	343
(iv) Loss of goods and property (Rs. in lacs)	3274.9	2821.4

(c) the broad causes of accidents ocurred during 1991 and 1992 are as under:

	1991 (Jan-Dec.)	1992 (Jan-Oct.)
(i) Failure of Railway Staff	362	311
(ii) Other than Railway Staff	47	44
(iii) Mechanical equipment failure	44	01
(iv) Track equipment failure	21	18
(v) Sabotage	17	18
(vi) Combination of factors	2	1
(vii) Incidental	25	18
(viii) Cause could not be established	7	9
(ix) Under Investigation	—	50
Total:	525	499

(d) Some of the important steps taken to reduce accidents are:

(i) induction of technical devices to aid human clement;

(ii) monitoring the performance of staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station master etc.;

(iii) intensive training of staff in operational categories;

(iv) intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations;

(v) provision of whistle boards' speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers; and

(vi) monitoring of maintenance of assets.

Forgery of rail tickets in Rajasthan

371. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some railway clerks were held for forgery of rail tickets in Rajasthan, if so, the steps taken to prevent the occurrence of such incident;

(b) whether Government has strengthened its security vigil in areas where such rail tickets racket is going on;

(c) Whether Government propose to hand over this case to the CBI for a thorough probe into the whole matter; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Recently at Delhi Main Station of Northern Railway a case of sale of forged rail tickets was detected in connection with which a non-railway-,man of Rajasthan was arrested by GRP at Delhi and on his disclosure two more arrests of non-railwaymcn of his gang were made at Jaipur. Three Booking Clerks of Old Delhi Railway Station have also been suspended by Northern Railway in this case.

(b) Yes, Sir. Strict vigil is being kept on the sensitive spots and areas.

(c) and (d) Since thorough probe is already being made by GRP, there is no proposal to hand over the case to CBI.

Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin to Bangalore

372. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin (New Delhi) and Bangalore has been introduced;

(b) what is the composition of the classes in this train, whether some bogies for ordinary general public who cannot afford to travel in unconditioned bogies have been provided in this train;

(c) what is the total passengers capacity of this train; and

(d) what is the approximate running time of this train between the two destination and the speed thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One AC-I, two AC-II sleepers, five AC Chair Cars, one Dininig Car and two Power Cars. Provision of non-airconditioncd coaches by high speed Rajdhani trains is not desirable due to noise and dust nuisance.

(c) 458.

(d) Approximately 36 hours with average speed of 67 Kmph.